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FY16 CVE Grant Program

10 messages

Caitlin Ishigooka <caitlin.ishigooka@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 2:59 PM

To: david.oleary@hq.dhs.gov

Cc: Jeff Gorell <jeff.gorell@lacity.org>, Thalia Polychronis <thalia.polychronis@lacity.org>

Dear David,

Thank you for your time earlier. Per our discussion, attached please find a letter from Deputy Mayor Jeff Gorell regarding the FY2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program.

Please let us know when you are available to speak tomorrow afternoon to discuss the process. I will be traveling for much of the day, but Thalia can be reached at [REDACTED]

Thank you,
Caitlin



Caitlin Ishigooka
Director of Grants & Finance
Mayor's Office of Public Safety
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Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 4:18 PM

To: meymuna@tiyya.org

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Dear Ms.Hussein-Cattan,

Attached please find a letter from Deputy Mayor Jeff Gorell regarding the FY16 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program.

Sincerely,
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Caitlin Ishigooka <caitlin.ishigooka@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 4:20 PM

To: Maribel Marin <mmarin@211la.org>

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Dear Ms. Marin,
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Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 4:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Hakim,

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Dear Ms. O'Neill,

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Dear Dr. Migacheva,

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Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 4:24 PM

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Dear Ms. Moghadam,

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Umar A. Hakim <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 6:27 PM

To: Joumana <joumana.silyan-saba@lacity.org>

Cc: Jeff Gorell <jeff.gorell@lacity.org>

May the Creator grant you health, security, and protection.

Joumana you performed everything in your power to assist Muslim organizations who help others. If i have not lived up to your expectations, please forgive me; for I also tried my best.

Your leadership on this issue has achieved the following results...

- LA Muslim community has emerged to form a stronger voice for Los Angeles
- African American Imams are getting reinvolved
- Clarity about the work and its purpose is more clear
- There is now a more effective and diverse cohort who met through your logistics
- Morals, Dignity, and Civility will be practiced in civic engagement
- More Muslims are aligned with the Mayor's vision for Los Angeles

This acknowledges your resilient work ethic, at standing strong. Not to say, it wasn't hard but diamonds are born under pressure. This is how the Creator revealed this test for Los Angeles.

I am here here in Mecca, for the pilgrimage. I will speak your name for health, security, and protection.

Respectfully

Umar Hakim

Sent via the [BlackBerry Hub for Android](#)

From: caitlin.ishigooka@lacity.org

Sent: August 15, 2018 2:22 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: jeff.gorell@lacity.org; joumana.silyan-saba@lacity.org; thalia.polychronis@lacity.org; neeraj.bhatnagar@lacity.org; reuben.wilson@lacity.org

Subject: FY16 CVE Grant Program

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Joumana Silyan-Saba <joumana.silyan-saba@lacity.org>

Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 7:34 PM

To: "Umar A. Hakim" <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Jeff Gorell <jeff.gorell@lacity.org>

Dear Umar,

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful email. Your leadership and commitment to improving the community are admirable. We will continue to work together and support efforts to strengthen our local communities.

May God accept your prayers and pilgrimage to Mecca. I'm humbled to be thought of in your prayers.

Sincere regards,

Joumana

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Joumana Silyan-Saba
Director, Public Safety
Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
200 N. Spring Street, Room M185
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Cel [REDACTED]
Office 213-978-0730

Maribel Marin <mmarin@211la.org>

Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 6:19 PM

To: Caitlin Ishigooka <caitlin.ishigooka@lacity.org>

Cc: Jeff Gorell <jeff.gorell@lacity.org>, Joumana Silyan-Saba <joumana.silyan-saba@lacity.org>, Thalia Polychronis <thalia.polychronis@lacity.org>, Neeraj Bhatnagar <neeraj.bhatnagar@lacity.org>, Reuben Wilson <reuben.wilson@lacity.org>

Thank you for this notification.

Maribel Marin | Executive Director

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ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 14, 2018

Bridget Bean
Assistant Administrator
Grant Programs Directorate
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20472

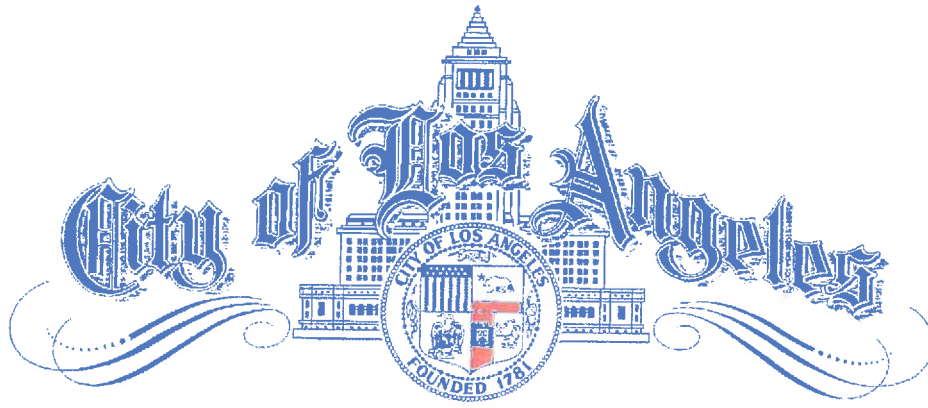
Dear Ms. Bean:

Regrettably, we the City of Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Public Safety, are hereby notifying you that we will not be receiving or using the Fiscal Year 2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant Program funding. Due to administrative delays in the acceptance of the award, and given the parameters of the grant, we are no longer confident that we can perform the grant goals and objectives as awarded.

Please feel free to contact me at 213-978-0677 should you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

JEFF GORELL
Deputy Mayor



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 14, 2018

Meymuna Hussein-Cattan
Executive Director
Tiyya Foundation
505 N. Tustin Ave., Suite 280
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Dear Ms. Hussein-Cattan:

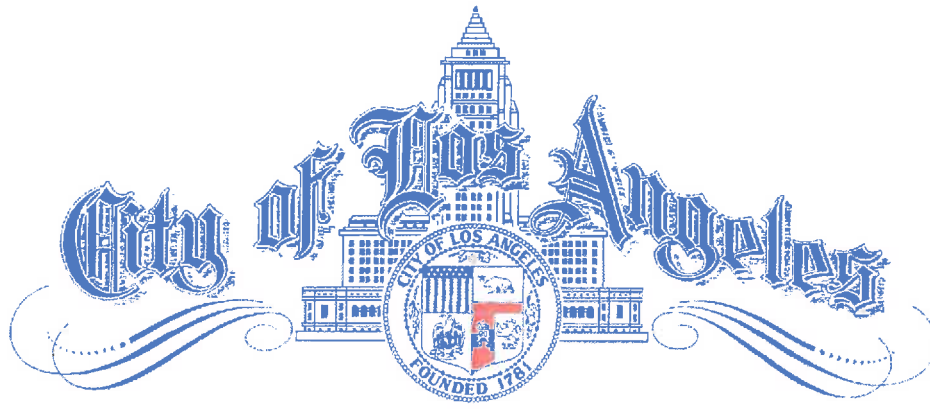
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Sincerely,

JEFF GORELL
Deputy Mayor





ERIC GARCETTI
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August 14, 2018

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211 LA County
526 W. Las Tunas Drive
San Gabriel, CA 91776

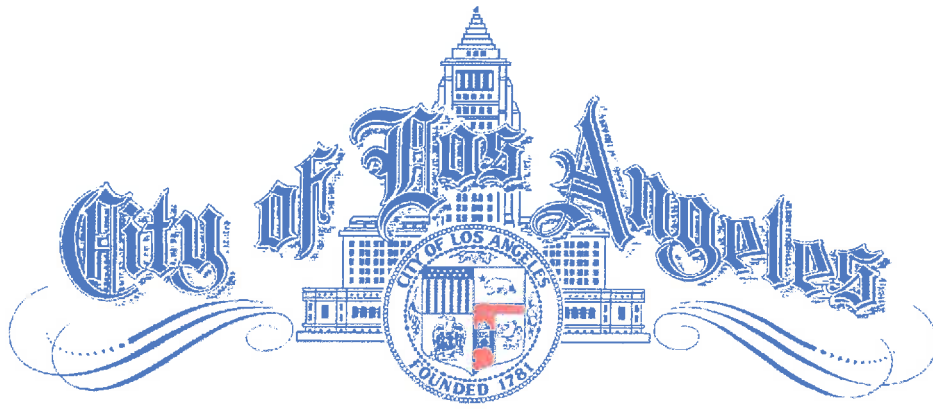
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August 14, 2018

Umar Hakim
Executive Director
ILM Foundation
P.O. Box 93789
Pasadena, CA 91109

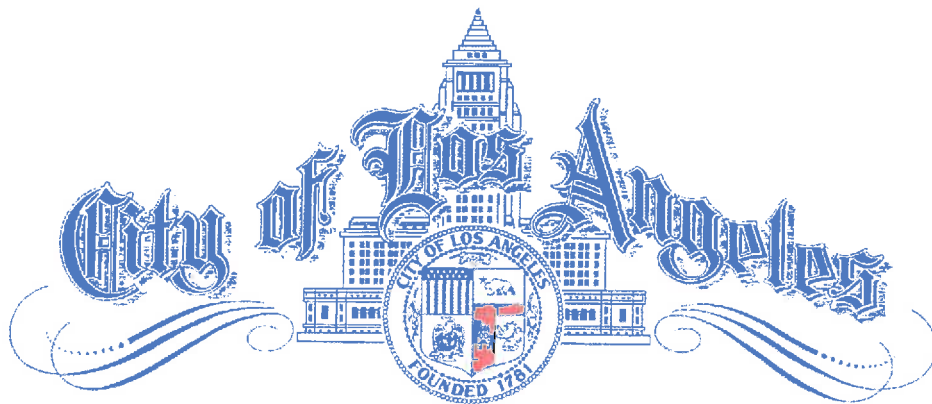
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JEFF GORELL
Deputy Mayor



ERIC GARCETTI
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August 14, 2018

Patrice O'Neill
Not In Our Town
1999 Harrison Street, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. O'Neill:

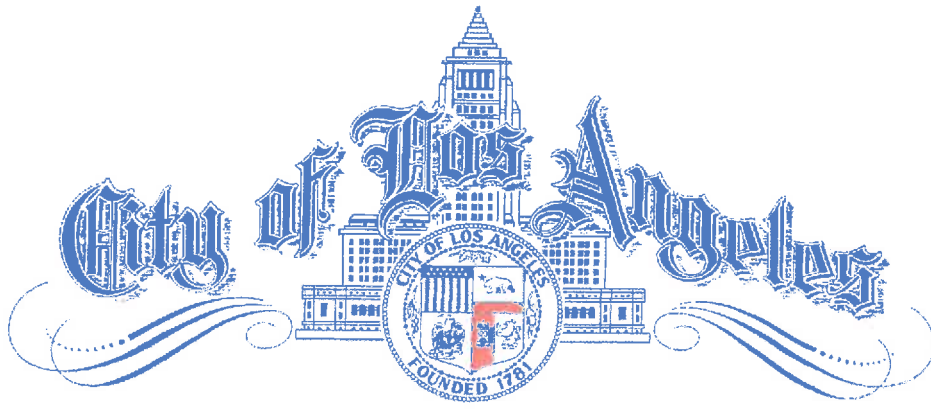
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J. F. Gorell", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

JEFF GORELL
Deputy Mayor



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 14, 2018

Katya Migacheva, Ph.D.
Associate Behavioral and Social Scientist
RAND Corporation
1776 Main Street
Santa Monica, California 90401

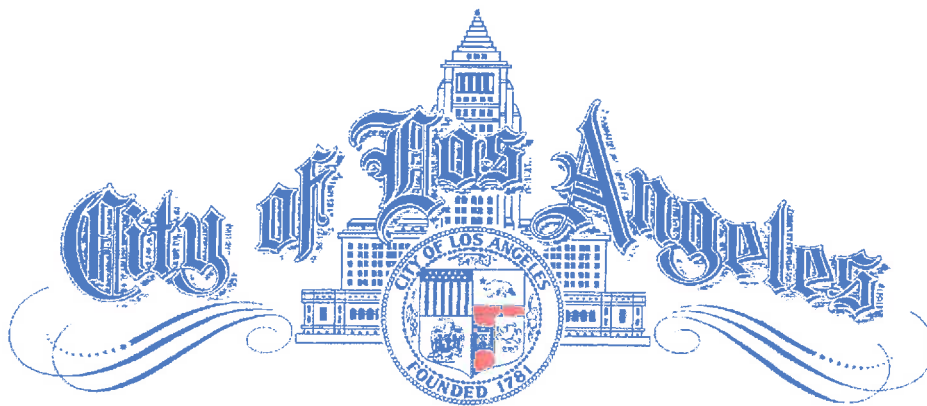
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Deputy Mayor



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

August 14, 2018

Mastenah Moghadam
Executive Director
Cross Cultural Expressions - Community Counseling Center
17514 Ventura Blvd., Suite #101
Encino, CA 91316

Dear Ms. Moghadam:

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JEFF GORELL
Deputy Mayor

Fwd: CAIR-LA Welcomes Decision by L.A. Mayor's Office to Decline CVE Funds

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Joumana Silyan-Saba <joumana.silyan-saba@lacity.org>

Fri, Aug 17, 2018 at 12:50 PM

To: Andre Herndon <andre.herndon@lacity.org>, Alex Comisar <alex.comisar@lacity.org>, Neeraj Bhatnagar <Neeraj.Bhatnagar@lacity.org>, Thalia Polychronis <thalia.polychronis@lacity.org>, Carlos Singer <carlos.singer@lacity.org>, Jeff Gorell <jeff.gorell@lacity.org>

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From: CAIR-LA <info@losangeles.cair.com>

Date: Fri, Aug 17, 2018 at 12:48 PM

Subject: CAIR-LA Welcomes Decision by L.A. Mayor's Office to Decline CVE Funds

To: joumana.silyan-saba@lacity.org

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CAIR-LA Welcomes Decision by L.A. Mayor's Office to Decline CVE Funds

(LOS ANGELES, CA - 8/17/2018) – The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-LA) today welcomed the decision by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's office to turn down a \$425,000 Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) federal grant.

The CVE program began in 2015 under the Obama administration with pilot programs in Boston, Minneapolis and Los Angeles, and was met with criticism by civil rights advocates for its dangerous and ill-advised focus on American Muslim adults, children and youths.

The Trump administration doubled down on this focus, both through rhetoric and action, by trying to rename the program to "Countering Radical Islamic Extremism." Under the Trump administration, CVE grants almost exclusively focus on American Muslim adults, children and youths, with most grants having been awarded to local law enforcement agencies, or groups who commit to coordinating with law enforcement.

"We are relieved that the City of Los Angeles – one of America's most diverse and progressive cities – will not partner with the Trump administration on an Islamophobic program that unfairly targets American Muslims," said **CAIR-LA Executive Director Hussam Ayloush**.

SEE: L.A. mayor turns down \$425K in federal funding to counter violent extremism after opposition from civil rights groups stalls process

<https://www.dailynews.com/2018/08/16/la-mayor-turns-down-425k-in-federal-funding-to-counter-violent-extremism-after-opposition-from-civil-rights-groups-stalls-process/>

For nearly two years, CAIR-LA and its civil rights allies - American Civil Liberties Union of

Southern California, Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles, MPower Change and Vigilant Love, among others - fought to keep CVE out of Los Angeles, meeting with city officials and educating the public on the importance of saying “No to CVE.”

In July, amid protests from more than 50 Angelinos, the Los Angeles City Council on Tuesday delayed a vote on whether to accept the CVE funding. The in-person protest was the culmination of a campaign that included asking community members to call and email the mayor’s office and their councilmembers to oppose the City accepting the funds.

“By standing up and speaking out, our community has shown Los Angeles and the rest of the nation the power of solidarity in the face of injustice,” said **CAIR-LA Policy Manager Asmaa Ahmed**.

A spokesman for the mayor’s office claimed the City declined the funding due to practicality. Ayloush said the City should reject CVE on its premise, not on an implementation timeline.

“We will continue to call on the Mayor and all public agencies and officials to reject and denounce CVE due to its unwarranted targeting of Muslims and other Black and Brown communities,” he said. “How could the Mayor or the City of Los Angeles justify collaborating with the Trump administration on such an Islamophobic program when Trump’s policies have clearly targeted Muslims, immigrants, minorities, and other vulnerable communities?”

During the July council meeting, **Councilman Mike Bonin** argued the city should not participate in the CVE program because the federal government was “very clearly determined to racially profile.

“If you lay down with dogs, you’re going to get fleas,” Bonin said. “And this is a flea-ridden program nationwide.”

SEE: Countering Violent Extremism (CVE): A Resource Page
<https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/cve-programs-resource-page>

Ayloush blasted the CVE program as part of the Trump administration’s Islamophobic agenda to unjustly target and surveil Muslim Americans rather than as a public health program, as touted by the mayor’s office.

“It is a shame that the federal government used the lure of federal funding for necessary social services program to advance its CVE program targeting Muslims,” he said. “All other communities receive similar funding, but through social services departments, not counter terrorism ones.”

SEE: In L.A., federal grant to combat extremism stirs up concerns about targeting Muslims
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-extremism-grant-20180703-story.html>

Ayloush credited the efforts of the civil rights coalition groups and praised the nearly 500,000 members of the American Muslim community in the Greater Los Angeles area for expressing its outrage.

“American Muslims are not asking for special treatment,” Ayloush said. “We refuse to be treated as second class citizens in our country and cities. We just want respect and dignity. Is it too much to ask?”

CAIR-LA is Southern California’s largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

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